

CLAIMS

1. A brush holder including a housing having front and rear wall portions spaced at their respective side edges by side wall portions, said housing
5 defining an open-topped cavity adapted to receive the bristle portion of a brush, locating means adapted to engage the handle of the brush, an aperture associated with a lower portion of the housing and adapted to admit a solvent, and suspension means whereby the brush holder and brush in assembly may be suspended.
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2. A brush holder according to claim 1, wherein said housing and said locating means are formed unitarily from a blank of sheet material foldable to form said brush holder.
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3. A brush holder according to claim 2, wherein said sheet material is a flexible material selected whereby folding provides the brush holder with form stability.
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4. A brush holder according to claim 2, wherein said material is a substantially rigid material and has self-hinge lines formed thereon to enable said blank to be foldable.
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5. A brush holder according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said location means includes a web formed adjacent the upper edge of one or both of said front and rear wall portions.

6. A brush holder according to claim 5, wherein said web includes an opening through which the handle of the brush may pass.

7. A brush holder according to claim 5 or claim 6, wherein said location
5 means includes brush handle gripping means selected to secure said brush in a selected position in said housing.

8. A brush holder according to any one of the preceding claims,
wherein said aperture comprises an open bottom of said housing.
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9. A brush holder according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein said aperture comprises one or more apertures through a wall of said housing.

10. A brush holder according to any one of the preceding claims,
15 wherein said suspension means includes one or more tabs or the like associated with the upper portion of said housing and having formed therein a hanging hook or hanging loop.

11. A brush holder according to any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein said
20 suspension means includes a pair of spaced lands about said locating means and adapted to bear on the shoulders of the brush, and wherein said brush and holder in assembly are suspended by the hanging hole of said brush.

12. A brush holder formed unitarily of sheet material and including a
25 body portion, a pair of lateral portions each spaced from opposite sides of said

body portion by a web defined by a pair of spaced folds, a pair of closure portions each spaced from opposite ends of said body portion by an end portion defined by a pair of spaced folds thereabout, one said end portion including an aperture, said lateral and closure portions being adapted to fold up about said folds to form a housing about a paint brush resting on said body portion with the handle through said aperture, and securing means selectively retaining said lateral and closure portions in said folded configuration.

13. A brush holder according to claim 12, wherein said sheet material is a flexible material, and wherein the pattern and fold parameters, and the folding order and securing means are all selected whereby the housing has sufficient form stability to form a relatively rigid housing for a paintbrush.

14. A brush holder according to claim 13, wherein said material is selected from sheet metal or plastic, coated paper material or the like.

15. A brush holder according to any one of claims 12 to 14, wherein said body portion comprises a flat region bounded on four sides by the first fold line of each of the pairs of lateral and closure portions.

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16. A brush holder according to claim 15, wherein said pairs of lateral and closure portions are different.

17. A brush holder according to claim 16, wherein said upper closure portion having the handle aperture is a short portion and the lower closure portion is relatively longer.

5 18. A brush holder according to claim 16, wherein the first of said lateral portions is adapted to be folded first to extent substantially over the face of the brush opposed to the face of the brush resting on the body portion, whereupon the other of said lateral portions is relieved over part of its equivalent area.

10 19. A brush holder according to any one of claims 12 to 18, wherein said aperture is adapted to further cooperate with tabs provided on an edge of each of said lateral portions to provide the securing means.

 20. A brush holder according to any one of claims 12 to 18, wherein said
15 securing means is formed in one or more pairs of the respective portions in the form of a self formed or attached press stud, hook-pile fastening or the like.

 21. A brush holder according to any one of claims 12 to 20, wherein one
or more of the lower portions of the lower regions of the respective portions are
20 provided with one or more apertures to provide for entry and drainage of thinners or other solvents.

 22. A brush holder substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.